

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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November 30, 2004

**FROM:** PETER R. HILLS, Fire Chief/Fire Warden  
San Bernardino County Consolidated Fire District

**SUBJECT:** MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUNTY SERVICE AREA 70,  
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY CONSOLIDATED FIRE DISTRICT, COUNTY SERVICE  
AREA 38, COUNTY SERVICE AREA 70, IMPROVEMENT ZONE W (HINKLEY) AND  
FORT IRWIN FIRE DEPARTMENT

**RECOMMENDATION:** Acting as the governing body of County Service Area 70, San Bernardino County Consolidated Fire District (County Fire), County Service Area 38, County Service Area 70, Improvement Zone W (Hinkley), approve Mutual Aid Agreement No. 04-\_\_ with the Fort Irwin Fire Department (Fort Irwin) for reciprocal fire, rescue and emergency medical services, effective November 30, 2004 and until a mutually agreed upon termination.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** Fort Irwin currently provides emergency response along the highway corridor leading into the National Training Center as well as the Daggett Airport facility. To enhance the fire protection services in these areas and the surrounding unincorporated areas, County Fire and Fort Irwin have negotiated a Mutual Aid Agreement, which is designed to mutually benefit both parties and their respective citizens or clients. The mutual aid assistance includes personnel, equipment, materials and supplies, and other services as may be necessary to provide reciprocal assistance to the other fire agency. The Agreement provides the guidelines by which each agency will respond and provide reciprocity as mutually agreed to by both agencies. The Agreement is ongoing unless terminated by either party in accordance with the terms of the Agreement.

Fire agencies typically develop local mutual aid/automatic aid agreements with their neighboring agencies for the mutual benefit of their respective communities. County Fire has numerous mutual/automatic aid agreements with local, state and federal fire agencies. Mutual Aid/Automatic Aid is provided on a voluntary basis at no cost to either party.

Approval of this recommendation will authorize a Mutual Aid Agreement between County Fire and Fort Irwin effective November 30, 2004. The Agreement shall remain in effect until a mutually agreed upon termination. The Mutual Aid Agreement will enhance fire, rescue and medical responses in all unincorporated areas surrounding the National Training Center at Fort Irwin and in all unincorporated areas at, or surrounding the Daggett Airport.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY OTHERS:** This item has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel (L. Thomas Krahelski, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5436) on November 12, 2004, and the County Administrative Office (Wayne Thies, Administrative Analyst, 387-5409) on November 18, 2004.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** There will be no financial impact to County Fire or the County General Fund resulting from this reciprocal Agreement.

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT:** 1<sup>st</sup>.

**PRESENTER:** Peter R. Hills, (909) 387-5948.

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